

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



WHEREAS, individuals, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established to provide a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance cyber security; and the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and the Office of Information Technology provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance our security; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of New Jersey's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to visit the websites of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, the National Cyber Security Alliance and the Statewide Office of Information Security for more information about cyber security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

## OCTOBER 2012 AS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage residents to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

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GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-eighth day of September in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

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